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## 'OVER-THE-TOP OVERWHELMING'

Harrowing escape from Fort McMurray  
leads family to Dartmouth kindness

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Angela Dingwell and her daughter Farrah do some crafts at Angela's parents' house in Dartmouth. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## City flipped off over flyers

**BYLAW**

**Council's move  
on tossing from  
cars applauded**



**Haley  
Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

The Ecology Action Centre is applauding city council for asking the province to stop flyers being tossed from moving cars.

Mark Butler, policy director for the EAC, said litter from unwanted flyers has been enough of an issue for the past 20 years that their "no flyers" stickers are continuously popular, although they are often ignored by carriers flinging the flyers into driveways.

This week, regional council approved a letter to the province asking to adopt Ottawa's bylaw that flyers must be placed in a mailbox, mail slot, newspaper rack, apartment lobby or on a resident's door handle if the junk mail is delivered in a bag, which

### **+ LITTER LETTER**

Many councillors said they were skeptical a letter would accomplish anything, which prompted Coun. Barry Dalrymple to bring up an HRM litter bylaw.

Coun. Wayne Mason said another option could be enshrining litter in the modern charter HRM has asked the province for, which comes down to them "trusting us enough to let us actually regulate these things."

Butler said is "an improvement."

"It is offensive to people when they don't want it, and all they're going to do is take it from the curb to the recycling bin," Butler said. "It's a waste. We're cutting down trees for absolutely no purpose at all."

Butler said door delivery means mail carriers might actually see any "no flyers" stickers and hopefully respect them.



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## DEVELOPMENT

# Residents weigh in on Centre Plan

Halifax city planners heard public input on the upcoming Centre Plan on Wednesday, and residents had a lot to say.

The consultation at the Halifax Forum Maritime Hall had residents, city planners, architects, developers and business owners discussing what they like about their neighbourhoods and what they want improved.

Participants called for more affordable-housing spaces, more downtown bike lanes and more green spaces in residential areas.

Some said Quinpool Road should be better for pedestrians and cyclists, while others wanted more home-based businesses allowed in areas zoned as residential.

Many were dismayed at the speed of development happening now.

"The cart may be ahead of the horse," said Kurt Bulger, owner of Jennifer's of Nova Scotia on Spring Garden Road. "I don't know if the Centre Plan will address it or not."

"It's happening so fast, the

development," agreed Neila MacDonald.

MacDonald has lived for 32 years in her home near Almon and Gottingen streets. She wanted her voice heard after a frustrating experience with development near her home.

"It was a shock to me," she said, recalling a gas station being rebuilt behind her house. Residents had no input because the company owned the property and it was zoned as commercial, she said.

"You say, 'They're allowed to do this?' Well, actually they can," MacDonald said.

A similar conflict has erupted over Steele Auto Group's proposed demolition of 24 homes on Fern and McCully streets.

"But if we had guidelines down before we got to that point, we could have less confrontation," MacDonald said.

Above all, residents wanted a say. For Neila MacDonald, that's a huge improvement.

"This was a good day."

JEREMY MUTTON/FOR METRO

## EDWARD CORNWALLIS

# Poet laureate calls vote 'disrespectful'

Halifax's first Mi'kmaq poet laureate says she is disappointed — but unsurprised — that city council rejected a debate over reviewing public sites named for Edward Cornwallis, the city's controversial founder.

Rebecca Thomas criticized the all-white group who appointed her to the role in March, noting the "sweet irony" of some councillors' concerns that their history would be erased in favour of an indigenous narrative.

"It's disrespectful," Thomas

said Wednesday.

"The only difference between those council fears and our fears is that council has the power ... to veto those conversations."

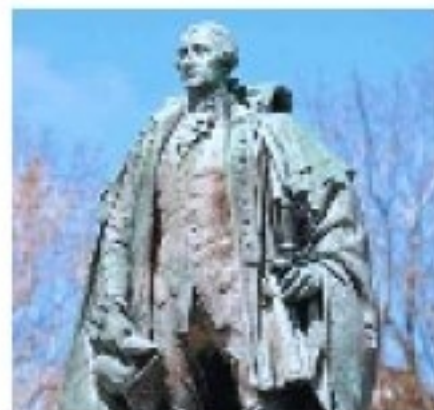
In an 8-7 vote late Tuesday, council rejected Coun. Wayne Mason's proposal seeking a discussion on updating municipal landmarks bearing Cornwallis's name.

Mason told reporters he was disappointed but said a debate about Cornwallis is "inevitable." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## + RIVER RENAME

Last year, Premier Stephen McNeil had signs for the Cornwallis River removed out of sensitivity for the nearby Annapolis Valley First Nation.

A group calling for the river to be renamed is presenting a plan to regional councils next month.



Cornwallis statue.

JEFF HARPER/METRO



Spring Garden Road near the corner of Robie Street in Halifax. Dixel Architecture has proposed to build a mixed-use building with retail, office space and two towers, one 28 storeys and the other 16. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Spring Garden may see big growth

## PUBLIC MEETING

# Developer's plan for two towers raises ire at meeting



Jeremy Mutton  
For Metro | Halifax

A Halifax developer with big plans for a space on Spring Garden Road met with community members Wednesday night, and some have mixed views on the proposal.

Dixel Architecture plans to rebuild the area of Spring Garden between Robie and Carlton streets into a mixed-use building with retail, office space and two towers, one 28 storeys and the other 16.

"There is nothing to defend," spokesperson Tim Merry told the group gathered at St. Andrews Church Hall. "This is just play on the table."

But resident Martin Calmokoff thinks some things are off the table when it comes to the proposed development.

"In Halifax, wind is a serious issue," he said. Calmokoff has lived in the area for 13 years, and said the company

**“HRM will be making all final decisions.”**  
Dixel CEO Louis Lawen

shouldn't build such a tall building here.

"My worry is the amount of wind that (tower) is punching out."

Dixel's presentation included models suggesting wind would be mitigated.

"I don't agree with this kind of building — certainly not

in this neighbourhood," said Frank Palermo, who lives nearby. "It's too much like slabs."

Others were happy with aspects of the design, such as the public atrium.

"Respectfully, change is difficult and sometimes awkward for people," Dixel CEO Louis Lawen said. "We believe with the proper input with the public ... this will be a project that will contribute to the future of the city."

Lawen admitted that the development is "on speculation," because it has not yet been proposed to the city, and its future will be influenced by discussions over the centre plan.



# Syrian refugee giving back

## BLUE NOSE MARATHON

### Man says clinic helped him find his feet two years ago



**Olivia Carey**  
For Metro | Halifax

Akram Al Masalma is running for the "first time in a long time" to give back to an organization that helped him when he needed it most.

The merchant marine officer is supporting the Halifax Refugee Clinic at this year's Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon on Victoria Day weekend.

Al Masalma came to Canada two years ago from his home in Syria.

"When I just arrived to Canada about two years ago I had absolutely nobody I knew, nobody in the country. I couldn't go back," he told the crowd at the Scotiabank Blue Nose launch at Scotia Square on Wednesday.

When he arrived the Halifax Refugee Clinic helped him adapt, he said.

"When I first arrived I stayed in a hotel for a couple of days and then they found a temporary place for me until I found an apartment," Al Masalma recalled.

Al Masalma said he was supposed to hear about his perma-

nent residency application four months ago, but he's still waiting. He said it's keeping him from his family and work.

"I wasn't able to sponsor my family or help them so that was a big problem to me," he said.

Certified as a merchant marine officer in Egypt, he also needs permanent residency status to work in Canada.

As an athlete and natural-born competitor, Al Masalma said racing for the clinic was a no-brainer.

"I do run from time to time so they asked me if I'd be interested and I was more than happy to do it because it's the least thing I could do to actually pay them back, or support what they do," Al Masalma said.

Julie Chamagne, executive director at the clinic, said having newcomers participate in the marathon shines a positive light on refugee issues.

"There's been a lot of really great community consciousness on refugee issues and we want to make sure that's sustained," Chamagne said.

"He's an amazing person. He's on our team, he's fundraising, he's going to be training with us."

Al Masalma said he hopes to see more newcomers participating in the marathon next year.

As a competitor he will run five kilometres in the Scotiabank Charity Challenge. He

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**I had absolutely nobody I knew, nobody in the country. I couldn't go back.**

Akram Al Masalma



Akram Al Masalma is running for the Halifax Refugee Clinic at this year's Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon in Halifax. OLIVIA CAREY/FOR METRO

## + EVENT DATES

The Blue Nose Marathon will take place May 20 to 22, and includes six running events and an exhibition with active living products and services.

hopes to challenge himself even more in the future.

"Next year I might run the half or the full. It's just because I'm inexperienced in this marathon and this is the first time so I chose to just stay safe then next year I'm hoping to follow that," he said.

## WHEELCHAIR ATHLETES New look for event this year

This year's Scotiabank Blue Nose Marathon will take on a new look.

For the first time ever, wheelchair athletes can participate in a five kilometre race.

"We'll have seven or eight wheelchair athletes that are going to go out and wheel a 5K ahead of our regular 5K," said Rod McCulloch, chair of the board of directors for the event.

**84**

The number of charities registered in the 5 km Scotiabank Charity Challenge.

The full marathon and team relay event will also introduce a new route including a double loop in Halifax because of construction on the MacDonald Bridge.

Those participating in The Goodlife FITNESS 10K, a brand new race this year, will include a loop in Point Pleasant Park.

There are 84 charities registered in the 5 km Scotiabank Charity Challenge.

"This year there's more charities involved than there have ever been involved before and the goal is significantly larger than it's ever been," said McCulloch.

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**The goal is ... larger than it's ever been.**

Rod McCulloch



Participants run past the Clock Tower on Citadel Hill during the Blue Nose Marathon. JEFF HARPER/METRO FILE

## SACKVILLE

### Two women tried to lure boy: Police



**Yvette d'Entremont**  
Metro | Halifax

Police are seeking information about two "suspicious" young women who approached a six-year-old boy in Lower Sackville on Tuesday.

Halifax District RCMP said in a media release the incident occurred at 5:20 p.m. in the area of Rebecca Drive and O'Leary Drive.

The young boy was approached by two women in their early twenties who were in a white Honda Civic.

Police said one of the women told the boy "your mom is sick, you need a drive

home."

Both women had long brown hair, and one of them had 'bunny ears' on her head.

The boy was scared and ran to a friend's house, at which time police were called.

## + IDENTITY

### Police need help to identify suspects

Police are asking anyone with information about the identity of the two young women to contact Halifax District RCMP at (902) 490-5020 or Nova Scotia Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

## IN BRIEF

### Youths charged after rash of incidents in Dartmouth

A 17-year-old man from Dartmouth and a 15-year-old woman from Halifax, have been charged following four incidents in Dartmouth on Sunday night between 9:40 p.m. and 10:04 p.m.

A home invasion, assault of a 23-year-old man, an attempted break-and-enter, and a 'suspicious circumstance' took place in the Dorthea Drive, Cross Road and Carlson Court area in Dartmouth.

Police and a K-9 team searched the area and arrested two people in the 300-block of Poplar Drive, Cole Harbour. The man has been charged with assault causing bodily harm. METRO



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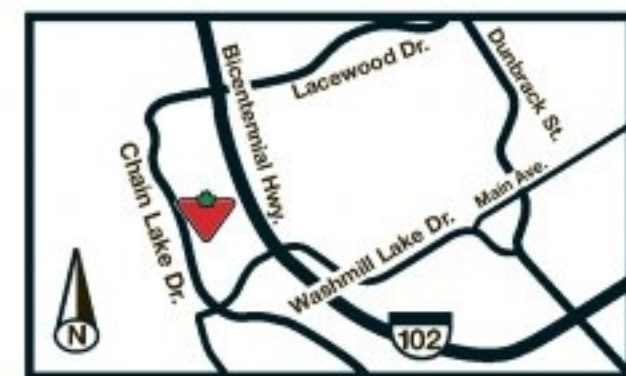


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# A harrowing flight from fires

FORT McMURRAY

## Mom grabbed 2-year-old and dog and fled into the night

**Nadine Yousif**  
For Metro | Halifax

Having fled Fort McMurray with nothing but the clothes on her back, her dog Billy and her two-year-old daughter Farrah, Angela Dingwell was first greeted with the kindness of strangers at a Shoppers Drug Mart in Dartmouth.

Dingwell was buying daily essentials. Upon hearing of her long journey, the cashier at the drugstore decided to lend her a helping hand.

"She was ringing me in and she told me not to worry about it; she allowed me to just take what I needed and go," Dingwell, 36, said Wednesday. "I'm guessing it was around \$150 worth of supplies."

It was a relief after a harrowing journey, fleeing the fires that engulfed the area around her Fort McMurray home.

"When I was driving the highway, I cried a lot just because of the unknown, the fear of losing things which, you know, you worked hard for, you prepped for all your life," she said.

She said she was overwhelmed by the mayhem that overtook the area upon hearing the news of the fire.

"(There were) parents and kids running in every direction," she said. "I kind of



Angela Dingwell and daughter Farrah pet their dog Billy at Dingwell's parents' Dartmouth home Wednesday. The trio fled Fort McMurray last week. JEFF HARPER/METRO

started to get the feeling like, 'Okay, something is definitely wrong.'

Dingwell and her daughter then began their journey to safety, stopping only for a night's rest at a shooting range outside the city before driving to Edmonton.

"(My daughter) had asked me a couple of times what the clouds were, so I just told her they were just clouds, dark clouds," Dingwell said.

"We were just emotionally and physically drained,

white-knuckling it through the flames and watching everybody bumper to bumper. Vehicles on the side of the road (were) just abandoned."

They then flew from Alberta to Nova Scotia, where her parents, Carson and Debbie Dingwell, live. Her husband remains in Alberta, where he will return to work on Friday.

Dingwell said she has been overwhelmed by the Dartmouth community's kindness.

"It's been over-the-top overwhelming with people who

have just been so thoughtful and caring," she said. "Our neighbours ... I have clothes because of our neighbours."

As for the future, Dingwell said she plans to return to Fort McMurray — her home for the last nine years.

"I just have visions of it, you know, going back and it just not being the same," she said, fighting back tears. "But I know already how strong the community is and that they're just going to build it bigger and better and stronger."

## + RED CROSS ADVISORY

### Register ASAP

Nova Scotians affected by the Northern Alberta wildfires should register with the Red Cross as soon as possible.

Registration can be done online, in person at a Red Cross office or by phone.

"Any people that we hear from that are evacuated from Fort Mac and have come home, we encourage them to

contact us ... so we can help them with registration," said Atlantic region spokesman Dan Bedell. "That's the first step to getting the financial help from the province and from us."

If you have been affected and haven't yet registered in person or by phone, you can do so online at [redcross.ca](http://redcross.ca). METRO

RELIEF EFFORTS

## Volunteers pitch in to pack boxes bound for Alberta



Volunteers sort donations at the Halifax Forum on Wednesday. NADINE YOUSIF/FOR METRO

Hundreds of large bags and cardboard boxes filled the Halifax Forum on Wednesday morning as volunteers continued their effort to help those affected by the Fort McMurray fires.

Music played in the arena as two dozen volunteers sorted bags of donated items, ranging from men's polo shirts and coats to kids' books and diapers.

Aimee Redden, the organizer of the initiative, praised the volunteers, who stopped sorting only to refuel on caffeine and bottled water.

"It's amazing, it really is," said Redden, 26. "There are so many people here that have been here for days. I am very emotional."



It just goes to show you that Maritimers, when they're needed, they respond.

Jennifer Blythe, volunteer

Among them was Jennifer Blythe, a retired nurse who said she showed up to volunteer early in the day.

"People need help and they can't do it all on their own," Blythe said.

Redden said volunteers are organizing the donated items into boxes that will hold a week's worth of essentials for the men, women and children of Fort McMurray. The boxes head to Alberta on Thursday.

Although donations are no

longer being accepted due to limited capacity, Redden said plans are already in motion to help Fort McMurray residents who have returned to Nova Scotia in the coming weeks.

Blythe said lending a helping hand to those in need is second nature to Atlantic Canadians.

"I think it just goes to show you that Maritimers, when they're needed ... they respond."

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# N.S. firefighters heading out west

WILDFIRES

**Crew of about 20 to help battle blazes in Manitoba**



**Kristen Lipscombe**  
Metro | Halifax

Several Nova Scotia firefighters are heading west this week to help battle the blazes there, the provincial government announced Wednesday.

About 20 firefighters will fly out of Halifax this Friday, en route for Manitoba, according to a Natural Resources Department news release.

"People across Nova Scotia are concerned about Canadians out west and want to help," Natural Resources Minister Lloyd Hines said in the release.

"Our well-trained wildfire fighters are ready to help our western neighbours in their time of need. We wish our crew well while working under tough conditions out west and a safe return."

The Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre asked for the province's help in controlling and extinguishing the Manitoba blazes, the news release explains.

The Nova Scotia government will ensure proper resources "are maintained within this



A fire near Caddy Lake, in the Whiteshell, on the Manitoba side of the border with Ontario. CONTRIBUTED

province," the release said.

Nova Scotia is a member of the Canadian Mutual Aid Resource Sharing Agreement, which was established in the

early 1980s to ensure all provinces and territories receive help when forest fires become too big for them to handle on their own.

## CRIME

**Gas station held up by man armed with needle**

Police are investigating a Dartmouth robbery committed early Wednesday morning by someone armed with a needle.

At 1:20 a.m. a man entered the Ultramar at 219 Pleasant St., pulled a needle on an employee and demanded money. The man was given a sum of money and fled on foot toward the downtown area.

In a media release, police said that despite the attendance of numerous police units and K-9 involvement, they weren't able to locate any suspects.

The culprit is described as a white male in his early 20s. He was wearing a grey hoodie, a red, black and grey jacket, blue jeans and white sneakers and was carrying a Good Life kit bag.

The incident remains under investigation. METRO

TYLER RICHARDS KILLING

## Police seek witness



**Philip Croucher**  
Metro | Halifax

Police say they need the public's help in the Tyler Richards homicide investigation.

In a release issued Wednesday morning, police ask to speak with anyone who may have seen an older-model black Honda car around Cook and Romans avenues between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 17.

Officers were called to a home in the 6900 block of Cook Avenue in Halifax around 8 p.m. on April 17. They found the 29-year-old Richards dead.

The death was treated as suspicious at the scene and was later ruled a homicide following an autopsy preformed by the Medical Examiner's Office. Police aren't releasing the cause of death, but sources have told Metro that Richards was shot.

Const. Dianne Woodworth, spokeswoman with Halifax Regional Police, said in an interview the occupants of the vehicle are persons of interest.

"The investigators got information pertaining to this and they're looking for additional information with respect to the car and/or its occupants," Woodworth said.

"These people would be persons of interest at this point, and we're looking speak to them or anybody who has any information about them."

Richards was a former member of the Halifax Rainmen. He was one of three men shot and killed over a six-day period in the Halifax region that week.

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# The man who faced the fire

FORT MCMURRAY

## As tens of thousands fled city, some chose to stay



**Jeremy Simes**  
For Metro | Calgary

Hartley Bushell wasn't going to let flaming embers destroy his beautiful backyard.

As wildfires encroached on Fort McMurray last week, causing officials to command a mandatory evacuation order, Bushell stayed back with hoses at the helm.

Bushell didn't do it alone, either. He said he had his wife, Chalinee, at his side.

"My wife was in tears and wanted to leave, but I wouldn't do anything that would endanger her, ever, so I assured her we were going to be OK.

"I didn't want to see it go up in smoke because it would be a year later that I'd move into a plastic house — somewhere I don't want to be — and it certainly wouldn't have an outdoor kitchen and a water feature."

Sgt. John Spaans, with the Alberta RCMP, said there have been others who stayed put, though he wouldn't say how many, as officers don't want to discourage residents who fled.

He said RCMP can't force people to leave via arrest, unless they pose a danger to themselves and the public.

Bushell was told to leave numerous times, but said he knew he was in the clear.

"I'm not a daredevil," he said. "We maintained a vigilant, diligent spark watch. We had an easy escape route."

He said he used his neighbours' hoses to create a "wall of water" until about 1 a.m. Wednesday, as flaming debris blew in from the highway.

"We stayed the course and



**Hartley Bushell and P.J. the pug.** CONTRIBUTED

kept everything from igniting until the fire was no longer an immediate threat," he said.

The next morning, he ventured to his friend's homestead, where he found a whimpering P.J. the pug among the rubble.

"I scooped him up and took him back to my place," he said. "I phoned the owner right away and the little girl was very happy."

"The firefighters have done a gargantuan, heroic job to keep this fire from destroying this city. They deserve every accolade," he said.



**A home near Hartley Bushell's was destroyed after it caught fire last week.** COURTESY HARTLEY BUSHELL

## PREDICTIONS

## Suncor hired own analysts

Suncor Energy has confirmed it used its own analysts to predict the path of wildfires near its facilities in Fort McMurray, and one source told Metro on background that it did so because it thought the government's fire modelling and predictions were potentially flawed.

Both the government and Suncor had fire prediction specialists that traced the path of the quickly spreading inferno.

Sneh Seetal, spokeswoman for Suncor Energy, couldn't say Suncor trusted the judgment of government analysts.

"It's not really a yes or no type answer — I think it's too simplistic and doesn't look at the complexity of the unprecedented situation," Seetal said.

Mike Long, spokesman for the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, said fire crews with oil and gas companies and the rural municipality focused on saving the city and its infrastructure, while government crews targeted the forest. He said the government and Suncor's analysts shared intel, but didn't provide specifics. JEREMY SIMES/METRO



**Fort McMurray evacuees line up to receive government debit cards with money pre-loaded on them.** KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

## RESIDENTS

## Evacuees line up for government debit cards



**Alex Boyd**  
Metro | Edmonton

Patrick Bailey and Korey Sweeney were in line in Edmonton, Alta. by about 11 a.m. Wednesday, an estimated 100 people already ahead of them.

At the front of the line was what many of them desperately need: Money.

Last week, as a wildfire bore down on Fort McMurray, Bailey and Sweeney had only time to pack enough clothes to fill a duffle bag between them before fleeing. But on Wednesday, they

went to the University of Alberta in Edmonton as evacuees, and said the prize at the end of the long queue — debit cards with government money — would be going toward basic necessities.

Premier Rachel Notley announced Wednesday that Alberta will supply Fort McMurray

evacuees with debit cards with \$1,250 on them, and also add \$500 for each dependent child under the age of 18. Evacuees queued in massive lines. The debit cards will be available to anyone who had to leave Fort McMurray, regardless of their economic circumstances.

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## PROM

## Fort McMurray students will still graduate in style



**Lucie Edwardson**  
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Veronica Ostermann remembers that after the floods in 2013, many of her classmates either couldn't afford, or had lost, their prom dresses.

Ostermann said thanks to many charitable people in Calgary and surrounding areas, her classmates received donated prom attire that helped save their special day.

Now, with the help of volunteers across the country Ostermann is doing the same for Fort McMurray evacuees. Her team is gathering donated prom dresses, tuxedos, shoes



**Grad is a big deal for teenagers so we thought why not help them with their outfit?** Veronica Ostermann

and jewelry to help take some of the stress off of those displaced by the blaze.

"I started a Facebook page and at first it was just 50 people and all of a sudden within 48 hours it expanded to 2,000 wanting to help and donate or collect dresses," she said.

The Facebook page, Fort McMurray Grad Donation, set up by Ostermann, has had huge success — with hundreds of prom dresses being donated to evacuees.

The group has organized so

that there are people in cities across the country — including Ottawa, New Brunswick and British Columbia — prepared to collect dresses and ship them off to Edmonton.

One of the group administrators, Michaela Lathlin, said the group's success is largely due to the generosity of Canadians.

"It couldn't have happened if the amazing people of Canada hadn't come together," she said.

Lathlin said the goal is to let the grads know they are loved.





Performer Alexis Chicoine fixes her hair before rehearsal for an ensemble burlesque cabaret show in Vancouver, on Tuesday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Wheelchair burlesque strips stigma

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Show aims to show disabled people have sexual identity

Talking about sex can be awkward for anyone, but some people with disabilities say expressing their most intimate needs can often feel insurmountable.

To challenge the taboo, a group of performers who have disabilities will bare their hearts and bodies in a new burlesque cabaret that includes a wheelchair striptease. The show weaves together comedy, sequins and silk gowns to dress up a topic that those involved say goes underexposed.

"We have a libido like everybody else," said Andrew Vallance, 35, who will host the show that opens this week in Vancouver.

"But there's a whole load of prejudice and institutional

barriers that prevent us from expressing our sexualities. It's about time we knocked those barriers down."

The show, titled Sexy Voices, runs for three days starting Thursday. It will fearlessly thrust sex and disability into the limelight, said managing artistic director Rena Cohen, with the non-profit Realwheels Theatre company. It's not physical, but attitudinal barriers that are the greatest challenges for people with disabilities, Cohen said.

Along with being entertained, Cohen hopes audiences will acknowledge that many people with disabilities are denied sexual identities, ranging from overt stigma to incidentally not being perceived as having the capacity for intimacy.

The stories on stage will range from racy and sexually explicit to quite sweet, said director Rachel Peake. The goal is to portray people with disabilities as three-dimensional through the illumination of their sex lives, she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

**More mental health workers for Attawapiskat**  
Health Canada says it will fund two additional mental health workers and a case manager for youth in Attawapiskat to assist with the Ontario reserve's suicide crisis. THE CANADIAN PRESS

**Bob Geldof says Trudeau unambitious on aid targets**  
PM Justin Trudeau got a scolding from musician and activist Bob Geldof for failing to live up to his promise to spend 0.7 per cent of its gross national income on foreign aid. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

# Parents get probation for spanking teen

A British Columbia couple found guilty of assault with a weapon for spanking their teenaged daughter with a plastic hockey stick and a skipping rope will not face jail time.

The parents from Salmon Arm, B.C., were given a conditional discharge Tuesday, meaning they will not have criminal records if they follow the court's orders and serve the 12-months probation handed to them by a judge.

They are also prohibited from doling out corporal punishment to any minors in their care, and both the mother and father will be required to provide a DNA sample.

Provincial court Judge Edmond de Walle convicted the couple earlier this year.

The trial heard that the mother and father spanked their 14-year-old daughter after they discovered she sent nude photographs of herself to a young man.

The father testified that he had "no clue" that corporal punishment is illegal when he spanked his daughter.

The girl's friends found out about the lacerations and bruises and went to school officials, who in turn notified the RCMP.

The parents' lawyer, Ian McTavish, noted at a sentencing hearing that the teenager is not the one who complained about the spanking.

"I don't want my parents to

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Judge Edmond De Walle noted during sentencing that the parents have undergone counselling and clearly do not present a risk to the community.

have a criminal record. I want them to be able to help out in the school and community," she wrote. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Trump aiming for party unity

## U.S. ELECTION

### Front-runner has 92% of the delegates needed

Donald Trump is taking a run at party peacemaking now that voters have put him on a glide path to the Republican nomination. If he can't get restive Republicans like House Speaker Paul Ryan on side, he says he'll keep on winning anyway.

Trump now has 92 per cent of the delegates he needs to clinch the nomination, according to AP's count, after he earned a hefty haul Tuesday night in West Virginia and Nebraska primaries. He has the field to himself, but after having nearly closed the deal with primary voters, he's facing a Republican establishment that is deeply wary of his candidacy but has nowhere else to go.

Trump and Ryan are to meet Thursday, days after the speaker — the nation's top elected Republican — withheld his endorsement. Asked on Fox News what will happen if the meeting does not go well, Trump said: "We'll trudge forward and do like I've been doing, and win all the time."

Despite his unconcerned tone, much rides on the relationship he forges with party leaders. Trump's bare-bones campaign has glaring deficiencies the party

"As we turn our focus toward the general election, we want to make sure there's the strongest partnership," Sean Spicer, the Republican National Committee's chief strategist, said of Trump.

Trump said he would not rely on public financing, a decision that forces him to quickly assemble a donor network capable of raising the estimated \$1 billion needed to run a modern presidential campaign. For that, he is likely to have to rely on



**We have a nominee, it looks like he may well be very competitive, and we want to win the White House.**

Mitch McConnell, Senate Majority Leader

apparatus is uniquely positioned to address. The New York businessman has largely ignored collecting information on voters he needs to turn out in November, sent few staff to battleground states and taken no steps to build a fundraising network.

help from the party's extensive donor network.

Republican leaders in the Senate and at the RNC are urging members to get behind the billionaire and turn their energy toward battling Democrat Hillary Clinton. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**In India, right-wing activists make offerings to the fire god while conducting Hindu rituals to ensure a win for U.S. presidential candidate Donald Trump.** Trump's calls to temporarily ban Muslims from America and crack down on terrorist groups have earned him some fans in India. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## MONARCHY

### Chinese officials 'rude,' says the Queen

The 90-year-old Queen has made a rare foray into political affairs, being caught on film characterizing Chinese officials as "very rude" in their dealings with British counterparts during a state visit last year.



**Queen Elizabeth II.** The unguarded comments

Tuesday while talking to a senior police officer at a rain-soaked garden party on the grounds of Buckingham Palace.

With uncharacteristic bluntness the queen said the Chinese had not dealt properly with Barbara Woodward, the British envoy to China.

"They were very rude to the ambassador," Elizabeth said.

The comments were recorded by a palace-authorized cameraman working for three British networks and distributed to broadcasters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Students in Thailand are using their smartwatches and glasses embedded with cameras as high-tech tools to help them cheat on exams. ISTOCK

THAILAND

## Students use technology to cheat

Glasses with embedded cameras and smartwatches with stored information seem like regular spy equipment for the likes of James Bond, but for some students in Thailand, they are high-technology cheating devices.

Bangkok's Rangsit University cancelled its examinations on Saturday and Sunday for admission to its medical and dental faculties following the discovery of the unusual modus operandi

by three female students.

While cheating has long been a problem in Thai schools and colleges, the use of high-tech gear — the cameras were used to take pictures of the test sheet and the smartwatches to receive answers from someone outside — has taken the practice to a whole new plane.

"We've never found cheating of this level — involving high-technology," university official

Kittisak Tripipatpornchai said.

Cheating is a marked aberration in the list of good behaviour expected of Thais. From a young age, Thais are taught to be polite, tolerant, and respectful. But educators say cheating has flourished because of an education system that makes exam scores the only criterion for assessing a student's ability and granting admission into places of higher learning. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCIAL MEDIA

## Facebook Moments in Canada

Facebook's private photo-sharing app Moments is now available in Europe and Canada, minus the facial recognition technology that comes with versions in the U.S. and other countries.

Instead of automatically identifying people in photos, the modified version — developed to skirt privacy regulations in these markets — groups together multiple photos that appear to include the same face. To do this, the app uses the less accurate object recognition technology,

which may measure the distance between a person's eyes and ears to make suggestions.

Facebook Moments is the latest spin-off of the social networking site after Messenger.

The app is meant to help users share photos from an event like a wedding, night out or party, into a private place.

The app groups photos from the same event together, allowing users to access all the snaps in one place. Users can save photos taken by others and share them on Facebook as well. AFP



Facebook's photo-sharing app Moments now available in Canada and Europe. AFP

# Google bans ads for payday loans

FINANCE

## These types of lenders have been target of criticism

Internet giant Google said Wednesday it will ban all ads from payday lenders, calling the industry "deceptive" and "harmful."

Google's decision could have as much or even more impact on curtailing the industry than any move by politicians, as many payday loans start with a desperate person searching online for ways to make ends meet or cover an emergency.

Effective July 13, Google will no longer allow ads for loans due within 60 days and will also ban ads for loans where the interest rate is 36 per cent or higher. The industry will join Google's other banned categories of ads, such as counterfeit goods, weapons, explosives, tobacco products and hate speech.

"Our hope is that fewer people will be exposed to misleading or harmful products," said David Graff, Google's director of global product policy, in a blog post that announced the policy change.

Payday lenders have long been a target of criticism by politicians and consumer advocates, who argue the industry charges extremely high interest rates to customers, who are often the poor. Payday loans are often

nual per cent rate on a payday loan is 391 per cent, according to Pew.

"There is nothing fair about triple-digit interest rates being charged on loans to working families," said Keith Corbett, executive vice-president with the Center for Responsible Lending, in a statement. "Google is to be praised for doing its part to limit use of these abusive loans."

In response to critics, the pay-

“Our hope is that fewer people will be exposed to misleading or harmful products. David Graff

used to cover an unexpected expense or to make ends meet before the next paycheck. But for many borrowers, short-term loans wind up being difficult to pay off, leading to a cycle of debt that can drag on for months.

A 2012 study by Pew showed the average payday borrower is in debt for five months, spending \$520 in fees and interest to repeatedly borrow \$375. The an-

day lending industry has long argued it provides a necessary financial service to people in need of emergency funds.

"These policies are discriminatory and a form of censorship," said Amy Cantu, a spokeswoman with the Community Financial Centers Association of America, the trade group representing payday lenders.

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD GHOMESHI FINALLY SPEAKS

**The other, underlying motive here: The apology, precise, crafted and clearly rehearsed, functions as a coming-out for the man who was once defined by his ubiquitous celebrity.**

Finally, he spoke.

After 18 months of near-perfect silence, we heard that voice. Strikingly familiar. Still full-bodied and low-toned. Still strong — projecting to the judge a few metres away, and behind him to the benches of reporters and ever-present mother and sister.

It was Jian Ghomeshi, yes. But that voice, once his golden ticket, was used in a way we hadn't heard publicly before: In an apology.

At 10:09 a.m. on Wednesday morning, Ghomeshi stood in a half-filled courtroom at Toronto's Old City Hall to comply with the key component of the peace bond that cut short a second trial for a single charge of sexual assault and provided this swift, pre-emptive end to his legal woes. In a light grey suit, as sharp as each he'd worn in the presence of a judge, he paused to collect himself. Then he offered Kathryn Borel, once a producer on Q, his CBC radio show, a two-minute apology.

"To this honourable court, and Ms. Borel, I want to apologize to Ms. Borel for my behaviour towards her in the workplace," he began, in that unmistakable timbre.

Except now, in place of the intimate, come-hither croon, Ghomeshi gave carefully constructed distance. It was his same rhythm and intonation, but he used the impersonal diction of a disgraced politician ("I did not recognize that I crossed boundaries inappropriately," he said). He read the

words, but without feeling.

And he spoke speedily, throwing out the syllables like a man on a mission. Which he was. The statement led to the withdrawal of the final criminal charge against him and an end to the headlines and a life on stall, the kind of life where one of your closest confidantes is your lawyer.

"That conduct in the workplace was sexually inappropriate," he said/read from the statement. "No workplace friendship or creative environment excuses this sort of behaviour," he went on. "I understand this now."



**THE END** Former CBC producer Kathryn Borel, who accused Jian Ghomeshi of groping her at work, got the 'last word' outside court Wednesday, Rosemary Westwood writes.  
THE CANADIAN PRESS

There was only a vague reference to the specific event that brought him to court — that he came up behind Borel one day at work and "rammed his pelvis against my backside over and over, simulating sexual intercourse," as Borel later described it on the steps outside the courthouse.

"This incident was thoughtless," Ghomeshi said, "and I was insensitive to her perspec-

tive and how demeaning my conduct was towards her."

Ghomeshi promised he had been "working hard" to address underlying attitudes behind his actions. For the last 18 months, he's attended weekly sessions with a psychotherapist, whose letter was submitted to the court.

The therapist, who has not been named, called Ghomeshi "a highly engaged participant" with "great commitment and focus" who comes prepared with "insights and questions of concern." One can almost hear their probing conversations, the kind of deep, person-

al interactions that made him famous.

That letter was an "important" factor in the peace bond, Crown attorney Michael Callaghan told the court. But it is the apology which was "critical."

For Borel, it also offered the "clearest path to the truth."

Instead of fighting the charge, as he has for the other dozens of allegations made in

the media and three in court, Ghomeshi has had to admit to his behaviour. And yet, legally, the apology was neither admission nor plea. He got to say sorry, without saying sorry, an odd legal quirk that undermines his therapist's assertion that Ghomeshi is taking "accountability" for his actions.

(Later, outside the courthouse, Linda Redgrave, a complainant in Ghomeshi's last trial, said she, too, longs for an apology, but she admitted, with a scoff, "That's just a fantasy.")

After Ghomeshi addressed the court, his now-famous lawyer Marie Henein offered words of praise and admiration for her client. She commended his ability to endure the scandal, "one of the most difficult I have witnessed anyone ever having to withstand."

"I do not think many of us would have been able to do so, but he has," she said, adding that she hoped Ghomeshi "can move forward."

That is the other, underlying motive here. The apology, precise, crafted and clearly rehearsed, functions as a coming-out for the man who was once defined by his ubiquitous celebrity.

And yet, on the day Ghomeshi sought to reclaim his own voice, it was a Kathryn Borel who had the last word.

"There are 20 other women who have come forward to the media and made serious allegations about his violent behaviour," she said outside the courthouse. "I think we all want this to be over. But it won't be until he admits to everything that he's done."

With that, she turned away from the cameras, the reporters shouting questions, and walked deliberately back up the stone steps, offering an end to the most important sexual assault case of our time, an end that was anything but.



## Postal banking would deliver needed services



Linda McQuaig

For those with a yacht or a Porsche, banks are warm, welcoming places. But banks are considerably less hospitable to those needing services other than "wealth management."

Indeed, for hundreds of thousands of Canadians who have no wealth to manage and really aren't richer than they think, banks are increasingly inaccessible places.

Canada's six big banks have shut down more than 1,700 branches in recent years. In many rural communities today, you're no more likely to see a bank than a buffalo.

This has left hundreds of thousands of Canadians without bank accounts, including many low-income city-dwellers — notably young people with poor credit ratings and lack of identification — who now rely on pay-day loan companies charging annualized interest rates well above 300 per cent.

All this suggests there's a compelling case for Canada Post to offer banking to the public — as it did for decades until 1968. The possibility of reviving "postal banking" will be considered as part of a sweeping review of Canada Post, announced by the federal government last week.

What makes the idea of postal banking particularly compelling is that offering financial services — even without gouging customers — is a lucrative business.

So it's not surprising that, as recently as two years ago, senior executives inside Canada Post considered restoring postal banking "a win-win" situation: it would provide banking services for underserved

Canadians and earn significant revenue for the post office that could subsidize mail delivery.

Their support for postal banking was based on years of research that they'd compiled in an 800-page internal file, including polling data from across Canada and evidence from around the world showing postal banking to be a proven money-maker.

But if the idea seemed like a sure winner, it ran into a major roadblock — the fierce ideological objections of Stephen Harper's Conservatives. After all, postal banking would be public banking, and the Harperites were hell-bent on shrinking government.

The Harper cabinet came up with a lose-lose strategy for the post office: dramatic increases in the cost of stamps and the elimination of home delivery.

While the Liberal government's review of Canada Post is focused on the issue of reinstating home delivery, the prospect of turning post offices into a public banking system may be the more far-reaching and intriguing idea.

If post offices offered a range of banking services — savings accounts, low-fee chequing accounts, low-interest credit cards — the big banks might be forced to compete.

And banks' lobbying to avoid competition may explain why postal banking wasn't as developed in Canada as elsewhere, such as the U.K.

Even if the panel recommends postal banking, the idea could still face heavy headwinds from some of the country's wealthiest, who have never been shy about protecting their turf.

Linda McQuaig's column appears monthly in the Toronto Star.

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## It's OK to be a nervous weirdo

HOT DOG TASTE TEST

**Lisa Hanawalt's confessional comics a peek into her anxiety**

**Sue Carter**  
For Metro Canada



**Lisa Hanawalt** CONTRIBUTED

When cartoonist Lisa Hanawalt was a kid, she took riding lessons, which turned her already fanatical love of horses into a life-long obsession. "It was something I glommed onto and couldn't shake it," she says. "I tried to."

Hanawalt's equine friends pop up throughout all her work, most famously in the characters she designed for Netflix's first animated series, the cult-favourite *Bojack Horseman*, starring Will Arnett as the voice of a boozy, has-been sitcom star. Her new comics collection, *Hot Dog Taste Test*, published by Drawn & Quarterly, gathers many of Hanawalt's favourite things — anthropomorphized creatures with often gross human foibles and desires, food diaries and lists, interspersed with just the right amount of scatological humour. Many of the illustrated stories first appeared in David Chang's trendy food-culture magazine, *Lucky Peach*, including her first-hand account of shadowing chef Wylie

Dufresne for a day (referring to the tasty stuffing inside his ravioli dish as "sex cheese"), for which the Los Angeles-based artist won a James Beard Award.

Unlike horses, food was not an obsession for young Hanawalt. A self-described finicky eater who preferred plain mashed potatoes, she is now a fearless connoisseur, willing to try anything from spicy pigeon to viscachas, a pickled rodent meat she purchased in jars while visiting Argentina. Food as a theme gives Hanawalt plenty of material, too. "I can really explore the outer edges of what is even tangentially related to food because it's such an important aspect of life," she says. "Sleep, work, food, sex. It gives me a lot of room to play."

Hanawalt, who is a special guest at this weekend's Toronto Comic Arts Festival, is one of those gifted creative types who can write and draw equally

well, and has a seemingly endless fount of productive energy, although she says she often goes to bed feeling like she hasn't accomplished enough. (She also hosts a popular podcast, *Baby Geniuses*, with her friend, comedian Emily Heller.)

Her work often starts with ideas she's jotted down or with some absentminded doodles from her sketchbook. She claims that she can take on an impulsive "manic persona" when she's drawing.

"It's like a wild person," she says with a laugh.

While there are no shortage of sly gags, *Hot Dog Taste Test* also features several sentimental stories, with Hanawalt confessing anxieties over family matters, travel fears, social relations — often times told through the voices of her wildlife characters. While Hanawalt enjoys reading confessional, diary comics, she's never been comfortable making them, and so it forces her to try to understand why she needs to share certain feelings with the world.

"Maybe it's that I just want to reach out to the reader and say, Hey, are you like a nervous weirdo, too? It's OK, we'll get through this. It's OK to have these thoughts and feel uncomfortable. And it's me telling myself that, too."

Sue Carter is the editor at *Quill & Quire* magazine.

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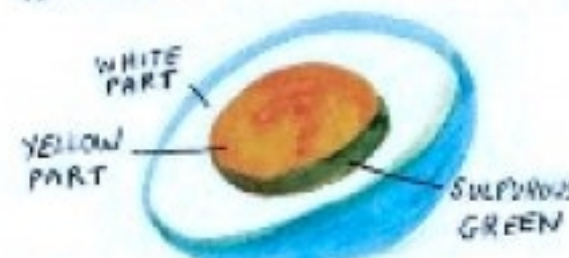
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HOT DOG TASTE TEST

LISA HANAWALT



Food as a theme gives Lisa Hanawalt plenty of humour and storytelling material in her latest book *Hot Dog Taste Test*. CONTRIBUTED

GOSSIP

## Barry Avrich dishes up dirt in Hollywood memoir

Hollywood mogul Harvey Weinstein has done adman-turned-filmmaker Barry Avrich a huge favour.

When Avrich's new memoir, *Moguls, Monsters and Madmen*, came out this month, Weinstein (one of Hollywood's most powerful men as co-chair of the Weinstein Company and former head of Miramax Films), issued a statement decrying one of the anecdotes in the book.

"Since Harvey made the statement, I've done 30 interviews and the story has gone from London to Kabul because Harvey is big

news. It's amazing," Avrich said.

(Weinstein specifically objected to a story about his instructions regarding a sex scene in the film, *Factory Girl*.)

Part of the book chronicles the various obstacles Weinstein threw in Avrich's path on the way to making a film about the movie mogul, including warning people not to talk.

The 2011 film is aptly titled *Unauthorized: The Harvey Weinstein Project*.

"He (Weinstein) has shone a light on *Unauthorized*, which never got seen in the U.S., and

hopefully created a demand for the film and hopefully, for the book," Avrich added.

While the film was seen "intact and beautifully unedited" when it was shown in Canada, the U.S. rights were bought by a company called IFC Films, which made major edits and ensured through a lacklustre distribution effort that it went largely unseen by audiences there. Avrich noted IFC Films and Weinstein had a "long relationship."

"I believe that Harvey was, at the end of the day, impressed that I got the film made," Avrich

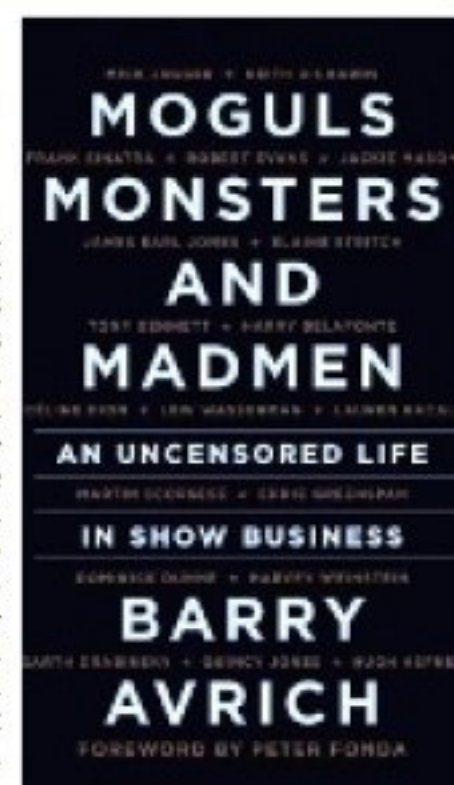
said, adding that Weinstein still returns his emails promptly and even gave him advance warning he planned to issue a statement.

Avrich has tackled other subjects for films who were also strongly opposed, including disgraced former theatrical and film producer Garth Drabinsky, and late Hollywood talent agent and studio executive Lew Wasserman.

Others like concert promoter Michael Cohl and late criminal attorney Eddie Greenspan were more amenable, though comedian-turned-director David Steinberg proved to be difficult.

"I start off the exercise for a film that is about somebody that I've always wanted to meet, that's number one. Number two, it's (got) to have some commercial value because I'm not interested in making a film about the gestation period of a beaver that five people are going to see," Avrich said. "Thirdly, I want my films to be provocative and sometimes it's about somebody that is scandalous, somebody that has had that larger than life career and quite often, it's about people that don't want the publicity," he said.

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# The trouble with capitalism

**RICH AND POOR**

**New novel is a parable of corporate culture**

**Melita Kuburas**  
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"My spare room funds my expeditions," states an outdoor adventurer named Jeff in a new Airbnb billboard near the foot of Yonge Street in Toronto. It's part of the company's first major ad campaign in Canada as so-called disruptive American businesses gain a foothold here.

While the sharing economy is praised by self-described hustlers for allowing us all to be-

come entrepreneurs, author Jacob Wren sees it as a troubling form of "turbo capitalism," forcing us to monetize all aspects of our lives — our homes, cars, and friendships.

"You used to just be able to live in your home but now you have to rent it out every time you leave in order to survive," says Wren, 44, who lives in Montreal. Wren's new novel, *Rich and*

*Poor* (Bookthug, \$20), is more than a critique of capitalism and profit-obsessed society.

It's a parable examining corporate culture — the way it makes us calculating, unscrupulous and ultimately disposable. Even the billionaire executive realizes "no matter how talented, qualified or indispensable I think I might be, there's always someone else who can do the job."

Inspired by the discourse started by the Occupy movement, Wren says he's intrigued by the discussion caused by the popular protest, and more recently the Panama Papers.

"I remember before Occupy talking to some not particularly 'left' friends, and them all saying shut up about capitalism, no one talks about that anymore," says Wren.

"As Occupy was bringing questions of wealth and inequality into the public and creating new terms like The One Per Cent, suddenly the same people were willing to talk about capitalism and think about what it is and think about how much money is actually being hoarded in off-shore accounts."

Wren says these are important issues for his generation, which is said to have less money and fewer opportunities than their parents.

The two main narrators are only known to the reader as No. 1 — the billionaire — and No. 2, a talented pianist who now washes dishes for a living.

No. 2 seeks revenge for the way life has betrayed him, and so he decides that "The poor must kill the rich, one at a time, at every opportunity." He wants to strangle No. 1 with piano wire, and set an example for others to imitate.

Wren read popular business books and CEO biographies to help develop character No. 1, a brilliant executive who memorizes all his employees names and is unusually candid about his company's misconduct.

He says it was a pleasure to write from this perspective, though he admits the mashup is not going to be recognizable as any single person, either living or in popular culture.

"I don't think any actual capitalist will think I've gotten them right," says Wren. "It's a very biased, playful mischievous take on that kind of character, and that kind of larger-than-life figure who rejoices in being a capitalist and also is willing to admit all the problems of it," he says.

In many ways, *Rich and Poor* is a parody of the typical capitalist villain, says Wren.

For instance, No. 1 considers finding another "trophy wife" but at his age decides it's in bad taste, instead opting for a prostitute because he sees a "pure economic transaction" as "the most clean, the most precise method of fulfilling desires and needs."

If there's commonality between the two narrators, it's in the way both seem unable to maintain relationships and their dysfunctional view on friendship.

No. 2 defines a friend as someone who can "betray you more savagely, more painfully, than anyone else in the world." For this reason, he seeks imitators, not friends.

Meanwhile, No. 1 stabs his best friend in the back to save himself.

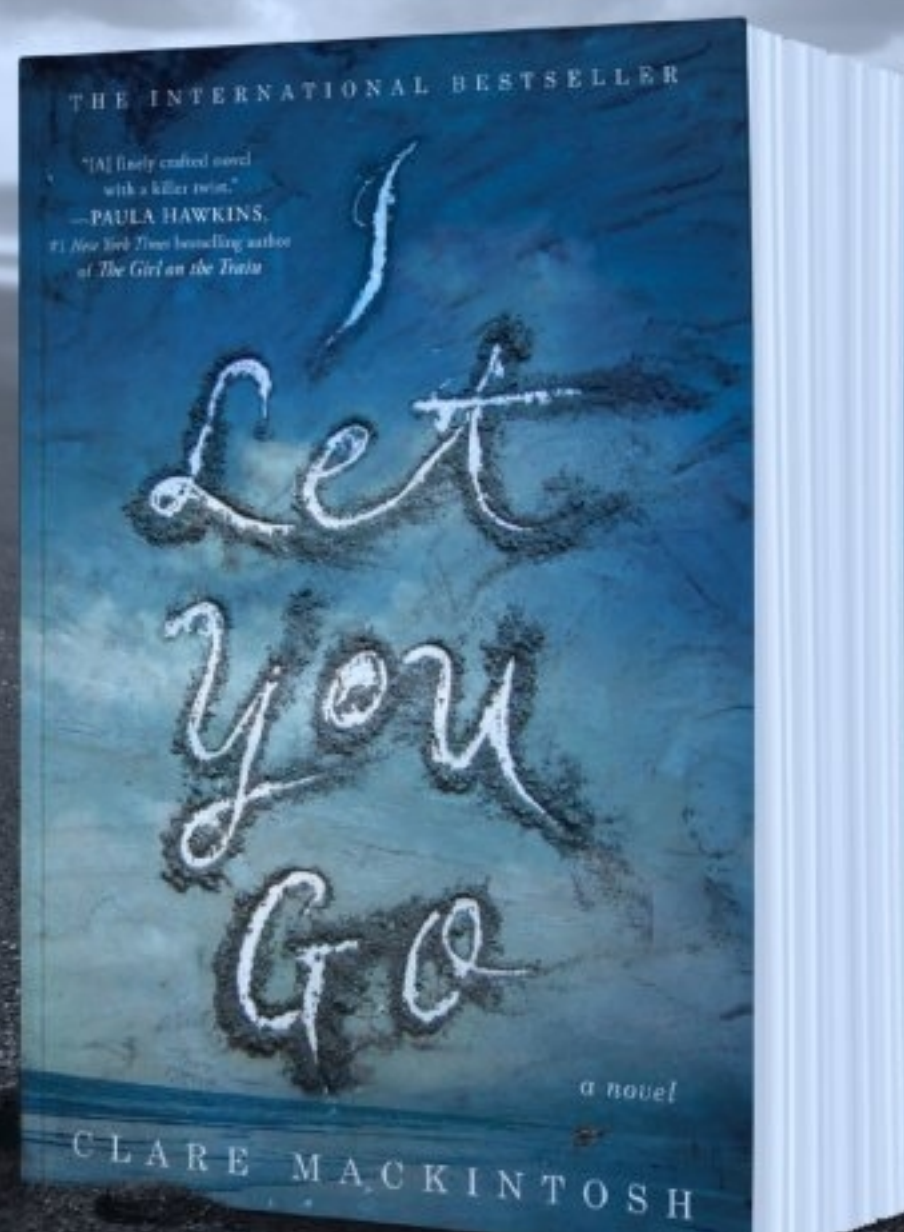
"We could say this is kind of the ultimate capitalist manoeuvre — to keep your wealth by betraying those closest to you," says Wren.

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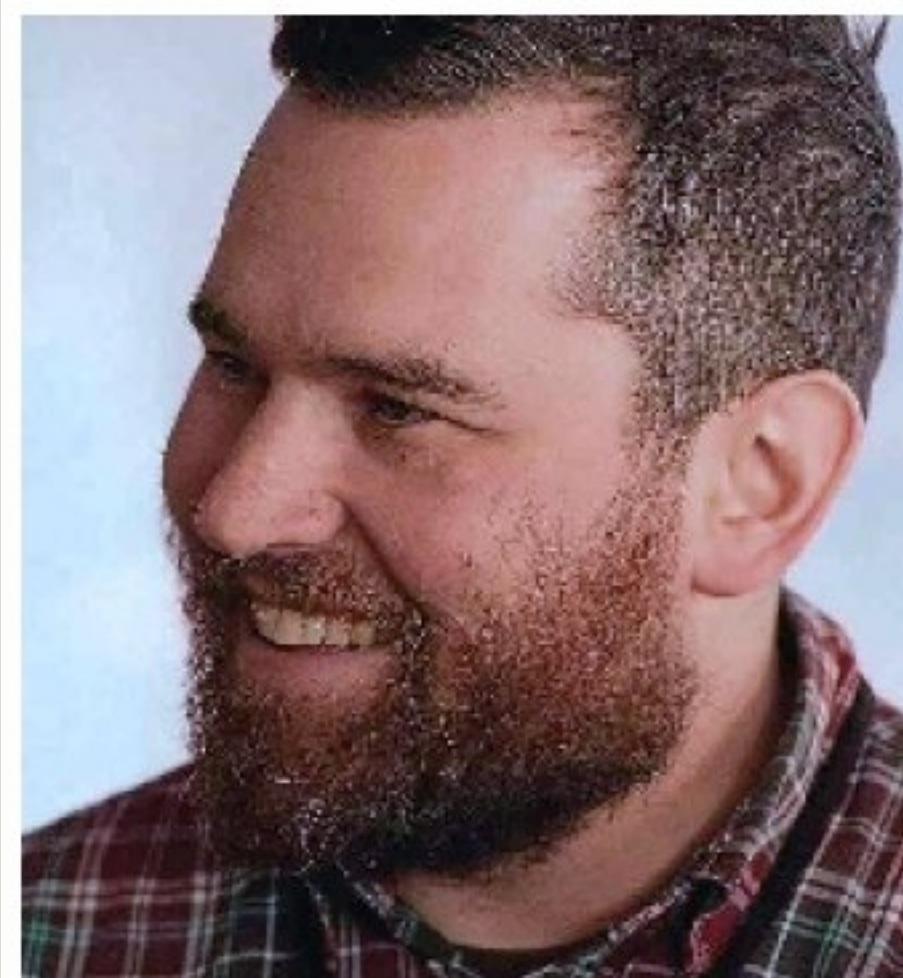


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Jacob Wren, 44, author of *Rich and Poor*. CONTRIBUTED





Blake Lively, director Woody Allen and Kristen Stewart attend the Café Society premiere during The 69th Annual Cannes Film Festival on Wednesday. Allen said he'd consider shaking things up with his typical storylines if he had a good idea. GETTY IMAGES

# No script change from Allen — yet

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## May-December romance trope unlikely to see a gender switch

Woody Allen says he'll make a movie about a younger man falling in love with an older woman, rather than his usual habit of the other way around, if he ever comes up with a "good idea" for one.

But the 80-year-old writer/director held out no hope of that happening anytime soon, as he met international press at the Cannes Film Festival following Wednesday's gala world premiere of Café Society.

The film is his 46th feature as a director and his third to open the festival.

It stars Kristen Stewart, 26, as a Hollywood beauty of the 1930s who falls for a high-powered Hollywood agent played by Steve Carell, 53.

The film's plot turns have Stewart's character falling in love at the same time with a character played by Jesse Eisenberg, 32, in an offering viewed by most critics here as a fair-to-middling Allen effort.

Café Society is yet another Woody Allen movie where a significantly younger woman falls for an older man, something that happened in his 2015 Cannes debut Irrational Man and also in real life for

him.

Allen is married to 45-year-old Soon-Yi Previn, whom Allen used to call his adopted stepdaughter (with ex-partner Mia Farrow) before he and Previn caused a scandal by marrying in 1997.

A British journalist asked Allen if he ever considered shaking up his familiar story line by making a woman the older romantic partner to a younger male.



**I wouldn't hesitate to do that if I had a good idea.**

Woody Allen, on if he'd ever make a film with a woman as the older romantic partner to a younger man

"I wouldn't hesitate to do that if I had a good idea," Allen responded, at a press conference where he was flanked by Café Society actors Stewart and Eisenberg, along with fellow cast members Blake Lively and Corey Stoll plus cinematographer Vittorio Storaro. (Steve Carell isn't in Cannes, likely due to the death of his mother this past weekend.)

But don't hold your breath waiting for a gender-switching May-December romance film from the director.

"It's not a commonly seen

thing and I don't have a lot of experience to draw on for material," Allen said — although he added that when he was 30, he "had a crush" on a married woman in her 50s.

Nothing came of the infatuation, he said.

The discussion was the closest Allen came to addressing a potential elephant in the room, one dropped in Wednesday's Cannes edition of The Hollywood Reporter.

The trade magazine carried a guest column from Ronan Farrow, Allen's estranged adult son.

The column took the journal to task for its recent cover story on Allen, which didn't delve into long-simmering allegations of sexual abuse by Allen against Farrow's sister Dylan, when she was a young girl.

No charges were ever filed against Allen, who has strenuously denied the abuse claims, but Ronan Farrow contends in his THR soapbox that journalists are honour-bound to pursue the matter.

A judge in the child custody case between Allen and Mia Farrow described Allen's behaviour towards Dylan as "grossly inappropriate and that measures must be taken to protect her."

But the issue never came up at the brief press conference, which started 10 minutes late and wrapped up after only a handful of questions from the press. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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## PANAMA PAPERS

## Emma Watson had offshore company

A representative for Harry Potter actress Emma Watson said she had an offshore company for privacy reasons only.

The company, Falling Leaves Ltd., was named in the so-called Panama Papers, a series of leaked documents that revealed how some politicians and celebrities hide money. More files were made available this week by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists.

Watson created the company in the British Virgin

Islands three years ago "for the sole purpose of protecting her anonymity and safety," the representative said.

"UK companies are required to publicly publish details of their shareholders and therefore do not give her the necessary anonymity required to protect her personal safety."

The spokesman said Watson received no monetary advantages from the offshore company.

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Watson's company was used only for privacy reasons, a representative claims. CONTRIBUTED



JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

## Harsher comedy is on display

**THE SHOW:** *Veep*, S5, E4 (HBO)  
**THE MOMENT:** The dying mother

U.S. President Selina Meyer (Julia Louis-Dreyfus) and her staff crowd into a hospital room. Selina is about to switch off life support for her mother (whom we never see), and is also awaiting news from her election recount. It's chaos. The beeping of the medical equipment keeps everyone checking their phones. Selina's aide Gary (Tony Hale) collapses into a wheelchair.

"Ignore Steven Hawking over there," Selina says to a doctor.

Selina's mother dies just as the staff receives good news from the recount. Selina's daughter Catherine (Sarah Sutherland), who was getting coffee, enters to find everyone cheering.

"Is Grandma better?" Catherine asks.

"Catherine! I thought you were here," Selina says. "Grandma's dead. But we got great news about the election!"

Is it me, or is this show meaner now that its creator, Armando Iannucci, has departed, replaced by Seinfeld/Curb Your



*Veep* remains one of the fleetest, funniest half-hours on TV, says Schneller. CONTRIBUTED

Enthusiasm vet David Mandel?

Iannucci is an unparalleled master of insults – if you haven't seen his film *In the Loop* or series *The Thick of It*, please do. But he's also British, which I posit gives him a refined sense of the workplace class system.

In earlier seasons, Selina's

staff ragged on each other, but they also knew their place in the pecking order.

The insults had a subtle variety. Now they feel of the same voice and intensity. Selina's abject disdain for Catherine, especially, is much harsher. It used to be tempered with guilt, which was more nuanced.

This is a quibble. *Veep* remains one of the fleetest, funniest half-hours on TV. But we were lucky to have Iannucci as long as we did.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



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For the first time in perhaps the entire post-season, Kyle Lowry and DeMar DeRozan both played like all-stars.

And now the Toronto Raptors are one victory away from the NBA Eastern Conference final.

DeRozan scored 34 points, while Lowry had 25 to lift the Raptors 99-91 over the Heat on Wednesday. They head back to Miami with a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference semifinal.

A win in Friday's Game 6 and the Raptors will play in the conference final for the first time in the team's 21-year history.

Dwyane Wade led Miami with 20.

## ACHES, PAINS

DeMarre Carroll left with a wrist injury late in the third quarter.

Carroll crashed to the ground after running into a Miami player attempting to set a block. He headed to the Toronto locker-room and did not return, but the Raptors said X-rays were negative.

GAME 5 At ACC



In what's turned into a series of attrition, the Raptors are without Jonas Valanciunas for the series (ankle), and DeRozan is battling a thumb injury. The Heat are missing starting centre Hassan Whiteside (knee).

Lowry and DeRozan's solid shooting sparked an early 20-point Raptors lead, before the Heat cut it to 10 with a 16-2 run that straddled the second and third quarter.

The Raptors headed into the fourth up 75-62, but back-to-back three-pointers from Josh Richardson cut the lead to seven points. DeRozan took a hard hit to his bad thumb, and made a beeline for the locker-room. But he returned with four minutes to play, to a warm ovation, and was huge in his return.

Wade scored Miami's final eight points, and cut the Heat's deficit to one point with two minutes to play.

But DeRozan scored 13 of the Raptors' fourth-quarter points, while Lowry had seven, including a three-point dagger with 53 seconds left that he followed up with another long jumper that had the Air Canada Centre crowd roaring.

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Raptors point guard Kyle Lowry scores a layup against the Heat's Dwyane Wade on Wednesday. RON TURENNE/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

## IN BRIEF

### Blues blowout Stars in 7

Robby Fabbri, Paul Stastny and Troy Brouwer each scored a goal and had two assists, and the St. Louis Blues dominated the Dallas Stars to advance to their first Western Conference finals since 2001 with a 6-1 victory in Game 7 of their series Wednesday night.

The Blues, in the playoffs for the 40th time and still in search of their first Stanley Cup, will have home-ice advantage in the Western Conference finals against Nashville or San Jose. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Troy Brouwer GETTY IMAGES

### Nats' Scherzer Ks 20 Tigers

Max Scherzer struck out 20 batters, matching the major league record for a nine-inning game as he pitched the Washington Nationals past the Detroit Tigers 3-2 on Wednesday night.

Scherzer had a chance to break the mark when James McCann stepped to the plate with two outs in the ninth inning. McCann, who whiffed his previous three times up, grounded to third base for the final out.

Tom Cheney holds the major league record with 21 strikeouts when he pitched all 16 innings for the Washington Senators against Baltimore in 1962.

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A'dre Fraser CONTRIBUTED

CFL

## Former Citadel High star drafted by Alouettes



Kristen Lipscombe  
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From the Dartmouth Destroyers to the Montreal Alouettes, 21-year-old A'dre Fraser is going long with his football career.

The former Citadel High School star and Guelph Gryphons wide receiver went 47th overall in the sixth round of the CFL draft, which took place Tuesday night out of Toronto. "I'm very excited about it,"

Fraser said Wednesday from Guelph, Ont., where he just finished his fourth year studying business and suiting up for the Gryphons, who won the 2015 Yates Cup.

"We have a couple of guys from Guelph actually on the team already, so guys that I played with," he said of Alouettes wide receiver Alex Charette, defensive lineman Jeffrey Finley and guard Jake Piotrowski.

"It's exciting to be teammates with them again," said

the six-foot-one, 171-pound product of both Football Nova Scotia and Football Canada.

Fraser plans on gradually completing his bachelor of commerce, with majors in marketing and management, while trying to crack a spot on Montreal's final roster.

"Football doesn't last forever," Fraser said of the importance of his focus on post-secondary education while playing Canadian Interuniversity Sport.

But while still on the field, Fraser hopes to become "one

of the go-to guys" for the Alouettes, who won both the 2009 and 2010 Grey Cup championships.

"Every player has to have that in them, otherwise what are you playing for?" Fraser said of going as far as he can in the game. "It's a competitiveness."

Sherry Crowe said her son, who grew up in Lawrencetown and north-end Halifax, has always had that drive to be the best he can be, on and off the turf.

"He definitely worked hard for it," Crowe said Wednesday, adding he's a natural athlete who also excelled in taekwondo.

Fraser is just one of two Nova Scotians drafted to the CFL this season. Acadia Axemen alumnus Brian Jones, a wide receiver from Grand Lake, was selected fourth overall by the Toronto Argonauts.

"Thanks to everyone," Fraser said. "All my coaches; everyone that's kind of helped me make it to where I am."



# RECIPE Flatbread Pizza



PHOTO: MAYA VISNIE

**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada

This is one of those dishes that doesn't really require a recipe. A flatbread pizza is an easy end of day meal win because it uses leftovers and comes together easy.

**Ready in**  
Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes

**Ingredients**  
• 1 large flatbread  
• 1/3 cup pasatta (lightly seasoned, pureed tomatoes)

- 6 mushrooms, sliced thinly
- 1 onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup ricotta
- 1/2 tsp lemon zest
- 1/3 zucchini, sliced with a vegetable peeler into ribbons
- 1/2 cup Parmesan, grated
- salt and pepper to taste

**Directions**  
1. Preheat the oven to 400. Arrange all your ingredients on your flatbread and bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until crust is golden brown and vegetables are fork tender.

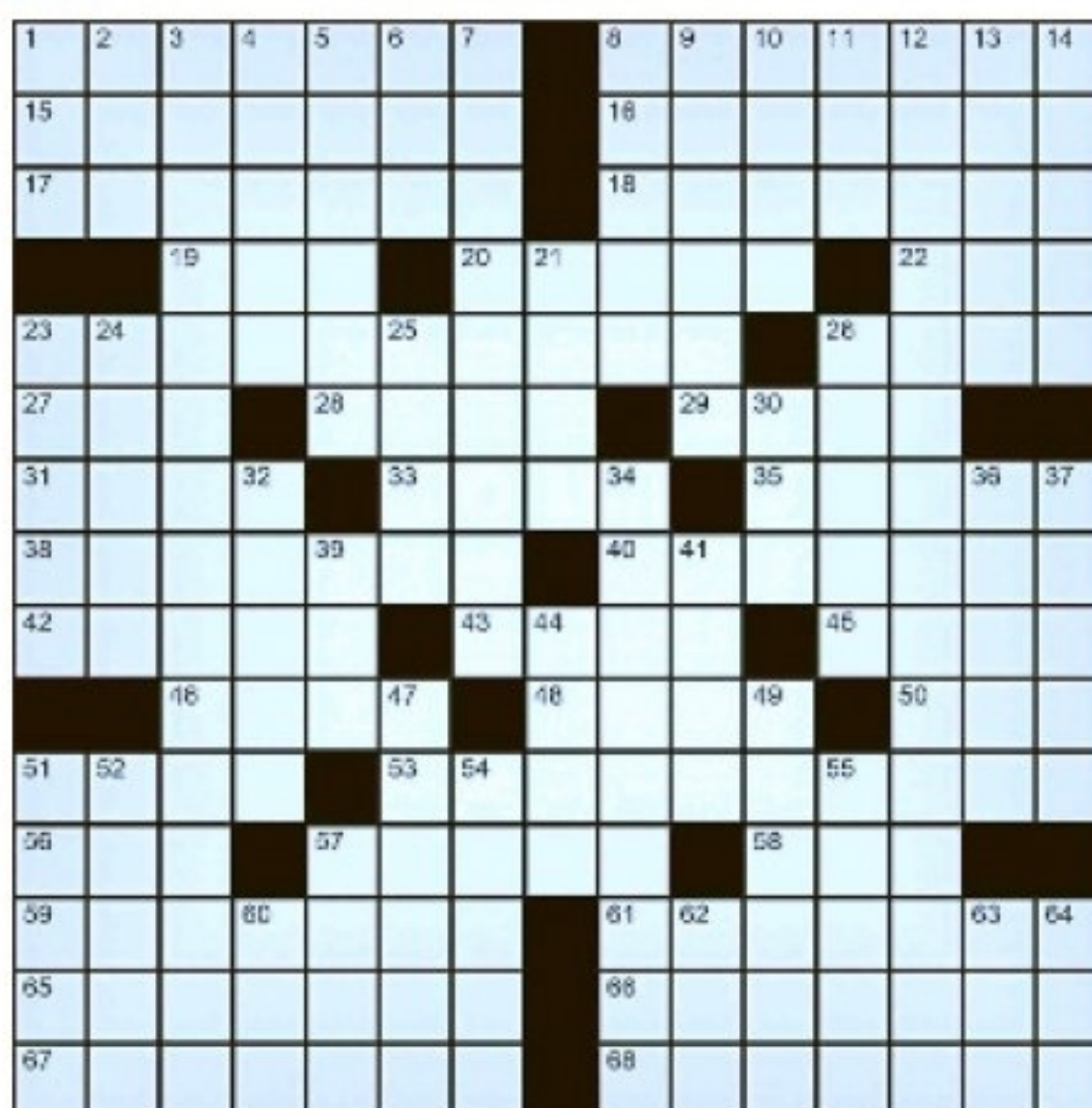
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# CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

## ACROSS

1. Belonging to Massachusetts' capital city
8. Shoppers Drug Mart: \_\_ Card
15. Undetected, like some fighter aircraft
16. Wealth
17. To the point
18. \_\_ Pops (Candy-filled treats on a stick)
19. Six and Eight separator, wee-ly
20. Harped on
22. Incurred
23. Canadian magazine since 1928
26. Coastal birds
27. Former military General's abbr.
28. Some rodents
29. Jean Arp's art
31. Dismounted
33. Livelinesses
35. Posh sofa
38. Miami's locale
40. Sugar pill, in clinical trials
42. Gin and \_\_
43. Function
45. Larger \_\_ life
46. \_\_ acetate (Banana oil)
48. Challenger
50. Devoured
51. Mr. Mineo's
53. No need for the whispers, it's a known thing: 2 wds.
56. Will Smith movie
57. \_\_ 99 (Maxwell Smart's colleague)
58. Male swan
59. Cough drop
61. Cut from the



- copy: 2 wds.
65. '\_\_\_ Beyond...': 1979 album for British ska band Madness
66. 1981 Blondie hit
67. Empty \_\_ (Couples with unused-extra-bedrooms)

68. Administer an oath of office: 2 wds.

## DOWN

1. Particular letters for a grad
2. Prefix to 'logist' (Ear doctor)
3. Tells a tabloid type of tale
4. Be silent, in music
5. I-ending

- musical
6. Days opp.
7. Cry: 3 wds.
8. Frequently
9. Combined, as resources
10. Horse gait
11. Cousin \_\_
12. Newfoundland town on the Kittiwake

- Coast: 2 wds.
13. Alliance
14. Gets introduced to
21. Bit of bangs
23. Artsy creation
24. Adele tune
25. Force in California's largest city [acronym]
26. Decree
30. Inman's love in "Cold Mountain" (2003)
32. Crops
34. Wood worker's woes
36. Taper off
37. Three trios
39. Glacial
41. Spike and Bruce
44. Stove
47. Lumberjack
49. Food formula
51. Beauty parlour
52. Flying solo
54. Baby bird sounds
55. Terra \_\_ flower pots
57. 'A' of AM
60. Founded, for short
62. "See Saw Margery \_\_" (18th-century nursery rhyme)
63. Mr. Geller
64. Downing's political address number in Britain

# IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
You might see new uses for something that you own today because you're in a resourceful frame of mind. You might act on an old idea you had for making money.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
Take a realistic look in the mirror today to see how you can improve your appearance. What you see might be something you have been thinking about doing for a while.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
This is an excellent day for research, because you will apply yourself diligently to whatever it is you are looking for. Yes, you'll be like a dog with a bone.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
You might attract someone very powerful to you today. This person might say something that actually causes you to modify your goals for the future.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Conversations with bosses, parents and VIPs will be memorable today. Quite likely, they will ask you about old business. Perhaps they want you to account for something.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
If you discuss politics, religion or racial issues today, you will get serious. Likewise, this is a good day to study thoughtful subjects.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
You might see a new way to tackle problems about inheritances or shared property. Old disputes might be solved now because of a new way of thinking.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
Discussions with others are powerful today. This might be because you are coming on strong or because others are coming on strong. Whatever happens, listen carefully.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Look for ways to introduce improvements and reforms at work, because you will see them today. Likewise, you might see ways to improve your own health.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
You might have a romantic obsession today. Be careful, because this kind of fantasy can overtake your sense of perspective and reality. Try to see things as they really are.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
Your ideas about how to make improvements at home probably are solid. Talk to a family member to get agreement with someone. Then it will be all systems go.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You have penetrating insights into whatever you think about or talk about today, because your mind is like a laser. You see the reasons behind things, the subtext.

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